

# SERVING UPSTATE NEW YORK VETERANS

One of our most important duties as Americans is taking care of those who bravely fought for our freedoms and way of life. Almost 50,000 men and women across New York's 22nd congressional district answered the call to serve, and they deserve access to the best jobs, education, health care, and community services. Congressman Brindisi serves on the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, one of Congress' most bipartisan committees, where he is working across the aisle to ensure Upstate New York veterans receive the care and benefits they have earned through their service.

## IMPROVING VETERANS' HEALTH CARE

The VA must be a center of excellence, prepared to provide our veterans with the very best care and able to treat the unique wounds of war. As a member of the House Veterans' Affairs Health Subcommittee, Congressman Brindisi is working to ensure the VA hits that high standard and will hold them accountable if they fall short. Congressman Brindisi is also working to improve mental health programs and outreach efforts at the VA to reduce the rate of veteran suicide and ensure every veteran knows he or she has a place to turn for help.

## CREATING OPPORTUNITY FOR UPSTATE NEW YORK VETERANS

Our servicemembers need our support when they wear our country's uniform and as they transition to civilian life. Congressman Brindisi is working on the House Veterans' Affairs Economic Opportunity Subcommittee to ensure Upstate New York veterans have the tools and resources they need to get a college degree, complete an apprenticeship, start a small business, and more.

## CONNECTING VETERANS WITH RESOURCES AND SUPPORT

Our veterans put everything on the line to serve our country, and we must ensure they have the resources and support they need when they return home. Congressman Brindisi supports legislation to extend disability compensation and health care eligibility to Blue Water Navy veterans and is working to ensure veterans and their families have access to safe, affordable housing. He's also working to help combat the opioid epidemic among veterans and supports legislation to provide counseling, care, and support to veterans who find themselves in the criminal justice system.

## SUPPORTING RURAL VETERANS

Veterans should have access to quality care, no matter where they live. Congressman Brindisi is fighting to protect access to Community-Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) and ensure local clinics have the resources to serve rural veterans at home in their communities. Congressman Brindisi recently passed an amendment to ensure rural veterans who receive care from CBOCs can access VA child care assistance.